

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR RCE
Appln. No. 10/086,518
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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1. through 23. (Cancelled)

Please add the following claims:

1 24. (New) An electronic system comprising:
2 a chassis having a front plane for orienting toward a user during use
3 of the system and a rear plane for orienting away from the user during use;
4 a bracket for mounting two or more devices to said chassis;
5 a hinge rotatably connecting said bracket to said chassis, said hinge
6 being configured to rotate said bracket about a hinging axis between an
7 open position and a closed position; and
8 wherein the closed position of said bracket being characterized by said
9 bracket being located between the front plane and the rear plane of said
10 chassis, the open position of said bracket being characterized by said
11 bracket being located forwardly of the front plane of said chassis.

1 25. (New) The system of claim 24 wherein said hinging axis extends
2 in the front plane of said chassis.

1 26. (New) The system of claim 24 wherein said bracket moves through
2 the front plane of said chassis when moving from said closed position
3 toward said open position.

1 27. (New) The system of claim 24 wherein said hinging axis is
2 oriented substantially parallel to the front plane of said chassis.

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1 28. (New) The system of claim 24 wherein said hinging axis lies in
2 the front plane of said chassis.

1 29. (New) The system of claim 24 wherein the front plane and the
2 rear plane of said chassis are substantially parallel.

1 30. (New) The system of claim 24 additionally comprising a pair of
2 devices mounted on said bracket, each of said devices of said pair of
3 devices having a connector receiving end.

1 31. (New) The system of claim 30 wherein each device of said pair of
2 devices has a media receiving end located opposite of said connector
3 receiving end, said media receiving ends of said devices being positioned in
4 said front plane of said chassis.

1 32. (New) The system of claim 30 wherein said pair of devices is
2 mounted on said bracket such that moving said bracket from the closed
3 position to the open position raises said connector receiving ends of said
4 devices of said pair of devices above a remainder portion of said devices.

1 33. (New) The system of claim 30 wherein at least a first device of
2 said pair of devices has a media receiving end located opposite of the
3 connector receiving end of the first device, and wherein said pair of devices
4 is mounted on said bracket such that moving said bracket from the closed
5 position to the open position raises the connector receiving end of said first
6 device above a level of said media receiving end.

1 34. (New) The system of claim 24 additionally comprising means for
2 securing said bracket in the closed position.

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1 35. (New) The system of claim 24 wherein the chassis includes a
2 front wall extending in said front plane, a rear wall extending in said rear
3 plane, and a pair of side walls extending between said front wall and said
4 rear wall.

1 36. (New) The system of claim 24 wherein each devices of said pair
2 of devices comprises a storage device.

1 37. (New) The system of claim 1 wherein the chassis includes a front
2 wall extending in said front plane, a rear wall extending in said rear plane,
3 and a pair of side walls extending between said front wall and said rear
4 wall;

5 wherein said hinging axis lies in the front plane of said chassis;

6 wherein said bracket moves through the front plane of said chassis
7 when moving from said closed position toward said open position;

8 wherein the front plane and the rear plane of said chassis are
9 substantially parallel;

10 a pair of devices being mounted on said bracket, each of said devices
11 of said pair of devices having a connector receiving end, at least a first
12 device of said pair of devices having a media receiving end located opposite
13 of the connector receiving end of the first device, wherein said pair of
14 devices is mounted on said bracket such that moving said bracket from the
15 closed position to the open position raises the connector receiving end of
16 said first device above a level of said media receiving end; and
17 means for securing said bracket in the closed position.